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To: Energy Facility Siting Council

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Subject: Agenda Item F (Action Item):

Archway Solar Energy Facility, Appointment of Lake County Board of

Commissioners as the Special Advisory Group for the July 23-24 EFSC Meeting

Attachments: Attachment 1: Special Advisory Group Appointment Order

On June 23, 2020, the Oregon Department of Energy (Department) received a Notice of Intent (NOI) from Archway Solar Energy LLC (applicant), a subsidiary of Invenergy Solar Development North America LLC, for the proposed Archway Solar Energy Facility. The proposed Archway Solar Energy Facility would consist of up to 3,650 acres of solar photovoltaic energy generation equipment with a nominal generating capacity of up to 400 megawatts, located in Lake County, east of the community of Christmas Valley. Related and supporting facilities would consist of energy storage (lithium-ion or flow batteries); power collection system and collection substation; point of interconnection substation; operation and maintenance building; 500 kilovolt (kV) transmission line; and temporary construction staging areas. The applicant anticipates submitting the preliminary application for site certificate in October 2020.

ORS 469.480(1) requires the Energy Facility Siting Council (EFSC) to designate as a special advisory group the governing body of any local government within whose jurisdiction a facility is proposed to be located. Based on the proposed facility location and governing body within Lake County, the Council is required to designate the Lake County Board of Commissioners as the special advisory group for EFSC proceedings associated with the proposed facility. As a special advisory group, the Lake County Board of Commissioners or the Planning Department, if designated to comment on their behalf, is tasked with identifying applicable substantive criteria from its acknowledged comprehensive land use plan and land use ordinance which the applicant and proposed facility must comply.

The NOI is available for download via hyperlink: https://www.oregon.gov/energy/facilities-safety/facilities/Pages/ASE.aspx

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